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Date	July 23, 2003
International Application No.	PCT/US 03/22900
Attorney Docket No.	2854 PCT

I. Certification under 37 CFR 1.10 (if applicable)

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Date of Deposit

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Signature of person mailing correspondence

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II. ☒ New International Application

TITLE ELECTROSURGICAL PENCIL WITH DRAG SENSING CAPABILITY

Earliest priority date
(Day/Month/Year)

25 July 2002

SCREENING DISCLOSURE INFORMATION: In order to assist in screening the accompanying international application for purposes of determining whether a license for foreign transmittal should and could be granted and for other purposes, the following information is supplied. (Note: check as many boxes as apply):

- A. ☐ The invention disclosed was not made in the United States.
 B. ☐ There is no prior U.S. application relating to this invention.
 C. ☒ The following prior U.S. application(s) contain subject matter which is related to the invention disclosed in the attached international application. (NOTE: priority to these applications may or may not be claimed on form PCT/RO/101 (Request) and this listing does not constitute a claim for priority.)

application no.	60/398,620	filed on	25 July 2002
application no.	60/413,410	filed on	25 September 2002

- D. ☒ The present international application contains additional subject matter not found in the prior U.S. application(s) identified in paragraph C. above. The additional subject matter is found on pages and ☒ DOES NOT ALTER ☐ MIGHT BE CONSIDERED TO ALTER the general nature of the invention in a manner which would require the U.S. application to have been made available for inspection by the appropriate defense agencies under 35 U.S.C. 181 and 37 CFR 5.1. See 37 CFR 5.15

III. ☐ A Response to an Invitation from the RO/US. The following document(s) is(are) enclosed:

- A. ☐ A Request for An Extension of Time to File a Response
 B. ☐ A Power of Attorney (General or Regular)
 C. ☐ Replacement pages:

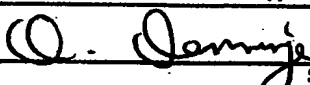
pages		of the request (PCT/RO/101)	pages		of the figures
pages		of the description	pages		of the abstract
pages		of the claims			

- D. ☐ Submission of Priority Documents

Priority document		Priority document	
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- E. ☐ Fees as specified on attached Fee Calculation sheet form PCT/RO/101 annex

IV. ☐ A Request for Rectification under PCT 91 ☐ A Petition ☐ A Sequence Listing DisketteV. ☐ Other (please specify):The person
signing this
form is the:

<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant	Douglas E. Denninger, Reg. No. 31,752
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Attorney/Agent (Reg. No.)	Typed name of signer
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Representative	 Signature

This sheet is not part of and does not count as a sheet of the international application.

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FEE CALCULATION SHEET

Annex to the Request

For receiving Office use only

PCT/US 03/22900

International Application No.

83.07.03

23 JUL 2003

Date stamp of the receiving Office

Applicant's or agent's
file reference

2854 PCT

Applicant

SHERWOOD SERVICES AG

CALCULATION OF PRESCRIBED FEES

1. TRANSMITTAL FEE 240.00 [T]

2. SEARCH FEE 936.00 [S]

International search to be carried out by EP
(If two or more International Searching Authorities are competent to carry out the international search, indicate the name of the Authority which is chosen to carry out the international search.)

3. INTERNATIONAL FEE

Basic Fee

Where items (b) and/or (c) of Box No. IX apply, enter Sub-total number of sheets } 26
 Where items (b) and (c) of Box No. IX do not apply, enter Total number of sheets }

[b1] first 30 sheets 476.00 [b1]

[b2] -0- x 12.00 = [b2]
 number of sheets in excess of 30 fee per sheet

[b3] additional component (only if sequence listings and/or tables related thereto are filed in computer readable form under Section 801(a)(i), or both in that form and on paper, under Section 801(a)(ii)):

400 x = [b3]
 fee per sheet

Add amounts entered at b1, b2 and b3 and enter total at B 476.00 [B]

Designation Fees

The international application contains 94 designations.

5 x 104.00 = 520.00 [D]
 number of designation fees payable (maximum 5) amount of designation fee

Add amounts entered at B and D and enter total at I 996.00 [I]

(Applicants from certain States are entitled to a reduction of 75% of the international fee. Where the applicant is (or all applicants are) so entitled, the total to be entered at I is 25% of the sum of the amounts entered at B and D.)

4. FEE FOR PRIORITY DOCUMENT (if applicable) 30.00 [P]

5. TOTAL FEES PAYABLE \$2,202.00

Add amounts entered at T, S, I and P, and enter total in the TOTAL box

TOTAL

☐ The designation fees are not paid at this time.

MODE OF PAYMENT

☒ authorization to charge deposit account (see below) ☐ postal money order ☐ cash ☐ coupons
☐ cheque ☐ bank draft ☐ revenue stamps ☐ other (specify):

AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE (OR CREDIT) DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

(This mode of payment may not be available at all receiving Offices)

☒ Authorization to charge the total fees indicated above.
☒ (This check-box may be marked only if the conditions for deposit accounts of the receiving Office so permit) Authorization to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment in the total fees indicated above.
☐ Authorization to charge the fee for priority document.

Receiving Office: RO/ USDeposit Account No.: 21-0550Date: July 23, 2003Name: Douglas E. DenningerSignature: D. Denninger

PATENT COOPERATION TREATY

From the RECEIVING OFFICE

SEP 23 2003

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To:

DOUGLAS E DENNINGER
TYCO HEALTHCARE GROUP LP
10 GLOVER AVENUE
NORWALK, CONNECTICUT 06850

NOTIFICATION CONCERNING PAYMENT OF PRESCRIBED FEES

(PCT Rules 14, 15 and 16 and Administrative
Instructions, Sections 102bis(c), 304(a) and (b),
323(b), 707(b) and 803)

Date of mailing
(day/month/year)

05 Sep 2003

Applicant's or agent's file reference

2854 PCT

PAYMENT DUE

see item 3 for time limits

International application No.

PCT/US03/22900

International filing date/Date of receipt
(day/month/year)

23 Jul 2003

Priority date (day/month/year)

25 Jul 2002

Applicant

SHERWOOD SERVICES AG

1. The applicant is hereby notified that this receiving Office has received:



the payment of all the prescribed fees, and



an overpayment, which will be refunded in due course.



no or insufficient payment of the prescribed fees and the applicant is hereby invited to pay the balance due, as summarized under item 2, within the time limit(s) indicated under item 3.

2. Fees and payment calculation:

2,296.00

2,296.00

0.00

Total fees payable

Amount paid

Balance



The details of the calculation are given in the Annex.

3. Time limit(s) for payment and amount(s) payable (Rules 14.1, 15.4 and 16.1(f)):



within ONE MONTH from the date of receipt of the international application (for the transmittal fee (if any), the search fee, the basic fee and the designation fee). The amount payable for each fee is the amount applicable on the date of receipt of the international application.



within ONE YEAR from the priority date (only for the designation fee and only if this time limit expires later than the above time limit).

— If the designation fee is paid within one month from the date of receipt of the international application, the amount payable is the amount applicable on that date of receipt.

— If the designation fee is paid within one year from the priority date but later than one month from the date of receipt of the international application, the amount payable is the amount applicable on the date of payment. The receiving Office should be consulted for the applicable amount.



within 16 MONTHS from the priority date (only for the fee for priority document). The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that the request made by the applicant under Rule 17.1(b) will be considered not to have been made unless the fee is paid within that time limit.

4. Additional observations (if necessary):



The search copy will not be transmitted to the International Searching Authority until the search fee is paid (therefore the start of the international search will be delayed) (Rule 23.1(a) and (b)).

Name and mailing address of the receiving Office

Mail Stop PCT, Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Facsimile No. 703-305-3230

Authorized officer

Barbara Fridie

Telephone No. 703-3053747

**ANNEX TO FORM PCT/RO/102
CALCULATION OF THE PRESCRIBED FEES**

International application No.
PCT/US 9900

[T] Transmittal Fee

Prescribed amount: 240.00 **[T]**
 Amount paid: 240.00
 Balance: = 0.00

☒ correct amount
☐ overpayment
☐ balance due

[S] Search Fee

Prescribed amount: 1,020.00 **[S]**
 Amount paid: 1,020.00
 Balance: = 0.00

☒ correct amount
☐ overpayment
☐ balance due

[I] International Fee

[B] Basic Fee

Fixed amount for first 30 sheets: 476.00 **[b1]**

$$\frac{0}{\text{Number of sheets in excess of 30}} \times \frac{12.00}{\text{Fee per sheet}} = 0.00 \text{ [b2]}$$

Additional component: . . . 400 x $\frac{0.00}{\text{Fee per sheet}}$ = 0.00 **[b3]**

Prescribed amount (b1 + b2 + b3) = 476.00 **[B]**

[D] Designation Fee

Amount of designation fee: 104.00
 Number of designation fees payable (maximum 5): x 5
 Prescribed amount = 520.00 **[D]**

[R] Reduction where PCT-EASY software is used or where the international application is filed in electronic form (See the PCT Applicant's Guide, Volume I, General Part, for details on the availability of this reduction):

Sub-total (B+D-R): = 996.00 **[B+D-R]**

Prescribed total amount (The amount to be entered at I is the sub-total entered at (B+D-R), except where the applicant is (or all applicants are) entitled to a reduction of 75%, in which case the amount to be entered at I is 25% of the sub-total (B+D-R); certain applicants from certain States are entitled to a reduction of 75% of the international fee; see Notes to the Fee Calculation Sheet as annexed to the Request Form, PCT/RO/101, for details): =

Amount paid: 996.00 **[I]**
 Balance: = 0.00

☒ correct amount
☐ overpayment
☐ balance due

[P] Fee for priority document

Prescribed amount: 40.00 **[P]**
 Amount paid: 40.00
 Balance: = 0.00

☒ correct amount
☐ overpayment
☐ balance due

Additional observations (if necessary):

- ☐ The amount paid for the designation fee covers the following designations: _____
☐ Other (specify): _____

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REQUEST

The undersigned requests that the present international application be processed according to the Patent Cooperation Treaty.

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International Application No.

International Filing Date

Name of receiving Office and "PCT International Application"

Applicant's or agent's file reference
(if desired) (12 characters maximum) 2854 PCT

Box No. I TITLE OF INVENTION

ELECTROSURGICAL PENCIL WITH DRAG SENSING CAPABILITY

Box No. II APPLICANT

☐ This person is also inventor

Name and address: (Family name followed by given name; for a legal entity, full official designation. The address must include postal code and name of country. The country of the address indicated in this Box is the applicant's State (that is, country) of residence if no State of residence is indicated below.)

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Teleprinter No.

Applicant's registration No. with the Office

State (that is, country) of nationality:
Switzerland

State (that is, country) of residence:
Switzerland

This person is applicant for the purposes of: ☐ all designated States ☒ all designated States except the United States of America ☐ the United States of America only ☐ the States indicated in the Supplemental Box

Box No. III FURTHER APPLICANT(S) AND/OR (FURTHER) INVENTOR(S)

Name and address: (Family name followed by given name; for a legal entity, full official designation. The address must include postal code and name of country. The country of the address indicated in this Box is the applicant's State (that is, country) of residence if no State of residence is indicated below.)

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United States of America

This person is:

- ☐ applicant only
☒ applicant and inventor
☐ inventor only (if this check-box is marked, do not fill in below.)

Applicant's registration No. with the Office

State (that is, country) of nationality:
US

State (that is, country) of residence:
US

This person is applicant for the purposes of: ☐ all designated States ☐ all designated States except the United States of America ☒ the United States of America only ☐ the States indicated in the Supplemental Box

☐ Further applicants and/or (further) inventors are indicated on a continuation sheet.

Box No. IV AGENT OR COMMON REPRESENTATIVE; OR ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE

The person identified below is hereby/has been appointed to act on behalf of the applicant(s) before the competent International Authorities as:

☒ agent ☐ common representative

Name and address: (Family name followed by given name; for a legal entity, full official designation. The address must include postal code and name of country.)

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Box No. V DESIGNATION STATES

Mark the applicable check-boxes below; at least one must be marked.

The following designations are hereby made under Rule 4.9(a):

Regional Patent

- ☒ **AP** ARIPO Patent: GH Ghana, GM Gambia, KE Kenya, LS Lesotho, MW Malawi, MZ Mozambique, SD Sudan, SL Sierra Leone, SZ Swaziland, TZ United Republic of Tanzania, UG Uganda, ZM Zambia, ZW Zimbabwe, and any other State which is a Contracting State of the Harare Protocol and of the PCT (if other kind of protection or treatment desired, specify on dotted line)
- ☒ **EA** Eurasian Patent: AM Armenia, AZ Azerbaijan, BY Belarus, KG Kyrgyzstan, KZ Kazakhstan, MD Republic of Moldova, RU Russian Federation, TJ Tajikistan, TM Turkmenistan, and any other State which is a Contracting State of the Eurasian Patent Convention and of the PCT
- ☒ **EP** European Patent: AT Austria, BE Belgium, BG Bulgaria, CH & LI Switzerland and Liechtenstein, CY Cyprus, CZ Czech Republic, DE Germany, DK Denmark, EE Estonia, ES Spain, FI Finland, FR France, GB United Kingdom, GR Greece, IE Ireland, IT Italy, LU Luxembourg, MC Monaco, NL Netherlands, PT Portugal, SE Sweden, SI Slovenia, SK Slovakia, TR Turkey, and any other State which is a Contracting State of the European Patent Convention and of the PCT
- ☒ **OA** OAPI Patent: BF Burkina Faso, BJ Benin, CF Central African Republic, CG Congo, CI Côte d'Ivoire, CM Cameroon, GA Gabon, GN Guinea, GQ Equatorial Guinea, GW Guinea-Bissau, ML Mali, MR Mauritania, NE Niger, SN Senegal, TD Chad, TG Togo, and any other State which is a member State of OAPI and a Contracting State of the PCT (if other kind of protection or treatment desired, specify on dotted line)

National Patent (if other kind of protection or treatment desired, specify on dotted line):

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AG Antigua and Barbuda | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> HR Croatia | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OM Oman |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AL Albania | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> HU Hungary | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PH Philippines |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CN China | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LR Liberia | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TM Turkmenistan |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CU Cuba | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LU Luxembourg | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TT Trinidad and Tobago |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CZ Czech Republic | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LV Latvia | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TZ United Republic of Tanzania |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DE Germany | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MA Morocco | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UA Ukraine |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DK Denmark | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MD Republic of Moldova | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UG Uganda |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DM Dominica | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> US United States of America |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DZ Algeria | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MG Madagascar | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EC Ecuador | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MK The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UZ Uzbekistan |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EE Estonia | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MN Mongolia | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> VC Saint Vincent and the Grenadines |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ES Spain | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MW Malawi | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> VN Viet Nam |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FI Finland | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MX Mexico | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YU Yugoslavia |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GD Grenada | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO Norway | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ZM Zambia |
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Check-boxes below reserved for designating States which have become party to the PCT after issuance of this sheet:

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Precautionary Designation Statement: In addition to the designations made above, the applicant also makes under Rule 4.9(b) all other designations which would be permitted under the PCT except any designation(s) indicated in the Supplemental Box as being excluded from the scope of this statement. The applicant declares that those additional designations are subject to confirmation and that any designation which is not confirmed before the expiration of 15 months from the priority date is to be regarded as withdrawn by the applicant at the expiration of that time limit. (Confirmation (including fees) must reach the receiving Office within the 15-month time limit.)

Supplemental Box

If the Supplemental Box is not used, this sheet should not be included in the request.

1. If, in any of the Boxes, except Boxes Nos. VIII(i) to (v) for which a special continuation box is provided, the space is insufficient to furnish all the information: in such case, write "Continuation of Box No." (indicate the number of the Box) and furnish the information in the same manner as required according to the captions of the Box in which the space was insufficient, in particular:
 - (i) if more than two persons are to be indicated as applicants and/or inventors and no "continuation sheet" is available: in such case, write "Continuation of Box No. III" and indicate for each additional person the same type of information as required in Box No. III. The country of the address indicated in this Box is the applicant's State (that is, country) of residence if no State of residence is indicated below;
 - (ii) if, in Box No. II or in any of the sub-boxes of Box No. III, the indication "the States indicated in the Supplemental Box" is checked: in such case, write "Continuation of Box No. II" or "Continuation of Box No. III" or "Continuation of Boxes No. II and No. III" (as the case may be), indicate the name of the applicant(s) involved and, next to (each) such name, the State(s) (and/or, where applicable, ARIPO, Eurasian, European or OAPI patent) for the purposes of which the named person is applicant;
 - (iii) if, in Box No. II or in any of the sub-boxes of Box No. III, the inventor or the inventor/applicant is not inventor for the purposes of all designated States or for the purposes of the United States of America: in such case, write "Continuation of Box No. II" or "Continuation of Box No. III" or "Continuation of Boxes No. II and No. III" (as the case may be), indicate the name of the inventor(s) and, next to (each) such name, the State(s) (and/or, where applicable, ARIPO, Eurasian, European or OAPI patent) for the purposes of which the named person is inventor;
 - (iv) if, in addition to the agent(s) indicated in Box No. IV, there are further agents: in such case, write "Continuation of Box No. IV" and indicate for each further agent the same type of information as required in Box No. IV;
 - (v) if, in Box No. V, the name of any State (or OAPI) is accompanied by the indication "patent of addition," or "certificate of addition," or if, in Box No. V, the name of the United States of America is accompanied by an indication "continuation" or "continuation-in-part": in such case, write "Continuation of Box No. V" and the name of each State involved (or OAPI), and after the name of each such State (or OAPI), the number of the parent title or parent application and the date of grant of the parent title or filing of the parent application;
 - (vi) if, in Box No. VI, there are more than five earlier applications whose priority is claimed: in such case, write "Continuation of Box No. VI" and indicate for each additional earlier application the same type of information as required in Box No. VI.
2. If, with regard to the precautionary designation statement contained in Box No. V, the applicant wishes to exclude any State(s) from the scope of that statement: in such case, write "Designation(s) excluded from precautionary designation statement" and indicate the name or two-letter code of each State so excluded.

Continuation of Box No. IV
 DAVID KORIS, Reg. No. 30,908; DOUGLAS E. DENNINGER, Reg. No. 31,752; MARK FARBER, Reg. No. 34,159; KIMBERLY V. PERRY, Reg. No. 43,612; and PAUL AUDET, Reg. No. 26,439 each of them of United States Surgical, a division of TYCO HEALTHCARE GROUP LP, 150 Glover Avenue, Norwalk, Connecticut 06856. DAVID M. CARTER, Reg. No. 30,949; PETER DELUCA, Reg. No. 32,978; JEFFREY S. STEEN, Reg. No. 32,063; JOSEPH W. SCHMIDT, Reg. No. 36,920; RAYMOND E. FARRELL, Reg. No. 34,816; RUSSELL R. KASSNER, Reg. No. 36,183; CHRISTOPHER G. TRAINOR, Reg. No. 39,517; GEORGE LIKOUREZOS, Reg. No. 40,067; EDWARD C. MEAGHER, Reg. No. 41,189; FRANCESCO SARDONE, Reg. No. 47,918; LEE GROSSKREUZ HECHTEL, Reg. No. 48,900; DANA BRUSSEL, Reg. No. 45,717; and JAMES M. LOEFFLER, Reg. No. 37,873; each of them of CARTER, DELUCA, FARRELL & SCHMIDT LLP, 445 Broad Hollow Road, Suite 225, Melville, New York 11747.

Box No. VI PRIORITY CLAIM

The priority of the following earlier application(s) is hereby claimed:

Filing date of earlier application (day/month/year)	Number of earlier application	Where earlier application is:		
		national application: country or Member of WTO	regional application:* regional Office	international application: receiving Office
item (1) 25 July 2002 (25.07.02)	60/398,620	US		
item (2) 25 September 2002 (25.09.02)	60/413,410	US		
item (3)				
item (4)				
item (5)				

☐ Further priority claims are indicated in the Supplemental Box.

The receiving Office is requested to prepare and transmit to the International Bureau a certified copy of the earlier application(s) (only if the earlier application was filed with the Office which for the purposes of this international application is the receiving Office) identified above as:

☒ all items ☐ item (1) ☐ item (2) ☐ item (3) ☐ item (4) ☐ item (5) ☐ other, see Supplemental Box

* Where the earlier application is an ARIPO application, indicate at least one country party to the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property or one Member of the World Trade Organization for which that earlier application was filed (Rule 4.10(b)(ii)):

Box No. VII INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY

Choice of International Searching Authority (ISA) (if two or more International Searching Authorities are competent to carry out the international search, indicate the Authority chosen; the two-letter code may be used):

ISA / EP

Request to use results of earlier search; reference to that search (if an earlier search has been carried out by or requested from the International Searching Authority):

Date (day/month/year) Number Country (or regional Office)

Box No. VIII DECLARATIONS

The following declarations are contained in Boxes Nos. VIII (i) to (v) (mark the applicable check-boxes below and indicate in the right column the number of each type of declaration):

Number of
declarations

- | | | |
|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Box No. VIII (i) | Declaration as to the identity of the inventor | : |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Box No. VIII (ii) | Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to apply for and be granted a patent | : |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Box No. VIII (iii) | Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to claim the priority of the earlier application | : |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Box No. VIII (iv) | Declaration of inventorship (only for the purposes of the designation of the United States of America) | : |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Box No. VIII (v) | Declaration as to non-prejudicial disclosures or exceptions to lack of novelty | : |

Box No. IX CHECK LIST; IMAGE OF FILING

This international application contains:

(a) In paper form, the following number of sheets:

request (including declaration sheets) : 5
 description (excluding sequence listings and/or tables related thereto) : 11
 claims : 4
 abstract : 1
 drawings : 5

Sub-total number of sheets : 26

sequence listings :
 tables related thereto :

(for both, actual number of sheets if filed in paper form, whether or not also filed in computer readable form; see (c) below)

Total number of sheets : 26

(b) ☐ only in computer readable form (Section 801(a)(i))(i) ☐ sequence listings
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